Oakland Market St. July 21st. 1898.

My Dearest Mae.

Well my dear, I suppose you are angry, disappointed and disgusted with me for not writing to you. The fact of the matter is I deserve a good scolding from you for not writing and will not resent anything you may say for my not writing when I said I would, I think of you very often and long to have you with me and hope that my desire will soon be gratified as I am of the opinion that I will be here permenantly.

I will tell you how all this came about. In the letter your rec'd from me at Santa Rosa I told you I had asked the Supt to locate me some other place, and last Thursday I received a message to report at the Pier without fail the same day, on arriving at the Pier on arriving there, found a note instructing me to report to the agent here, next A M I came around and was given the position as cashier at $65. per month. It is a very good place, go to work at 7:30 A M and get of at from 5:30 to 6P M get all Sundays and holidays off, All I do is keep the books take in the cash and do the telegraphing, am going to write the Supt and find out if it isto be permenant and if so we will go right to house-keeping providing you feel well enough.

Now would be a fine ti e for you to have that operation performed as I could go over every evening to see you.

When can you come down sweetheart to see about this? I am stopping at 1051 Market St, have a nice room and board ~~it is xxxxx~~

As I was going into a restaurant today who do you think I met? Mrs Morgan, she was out hunting rooms and is going to stay here all summer, her mother and baby are coming down soon as she gets settled She looks very much healthier than she use to, said she was in the hospital for three months, she inquired about you and seemed surprised

when I told her you was home, thinking yxxx she might get a wrong idea and spread the report that we were not living together any more, I told her that your health was very poor and that you was under a physicians care and notable to do house work.

How is baby and the rest of the folks getting along, baby seems to be makinu a specialty of cutting teeth, am glad to hear she is making such good headway.

Well little wife come down soon as you can, will enjoy your company very much, it broke me all up to go away and leave you at Vacaville, wanted so much to take you along with me. Love to all

the folks. And love and kisses for yourself and baby.

Your loving husband.

Carrie

Write soon, direct c/o Agent 1st and Market St or 1051 Market St.

Mrs. C. L. Van Meter.

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